RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A 2022 URBAN COMMUNITY DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THE EXPANDED LAWN TO GARDEN WATER CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OR DESGINEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS AND EXECUTE ALL APPLICATION AND GRANT AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FRESNO

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno (City) Department of Public Utilities (DPU) provides potable water service to approximately 140,000 residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers; and

WHEREAS, outdoor landscape irrigation constitutes the largest use of potable water in the City; and

WHEREAS, the DPU Water Conservation Program will be proposing an Expanded Lawn to Garden Water Conservation Rebate Program (Project), which will build upon the current Lawn to Garden Rebate Program to provide additional rebates and incentives for residential and commercial water customers to replace existing lawns with water efficient landscapes on a first-come, first-served basis; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240, § 80) in June 2022 allocated an additional $545 million to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to deliver grants for drought relief to urban communities; and

WHEREAS, in October 2022, DWR issued the Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package establishing the processes, procedures, and criteria that DWR will

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use to implement the Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program (Program); and

WHEREAS, grants awarded under the Program are intended to provide water to communities that face the loss or contamination of their water supplies, to address immediate impacts on human health and safety, to secure the future of California's water supply, and to protect fish and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, the Project being proposed fits the criteria of the Program, as it will reduce outdoor water demand and, thereby, increase available potable water supplies for the City; and

WHEREAS, DPU intends to apply for grant funding from DWR for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the State of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. That pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240, §80) as amended (Stats. 2022, ch. 44, §25), the City of Fresno Director of Public Utilities or designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file an application for funding with the Department of Water Resources for the Expanded Lawn to Garden Water Conservation Rebate Program, and take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to obtain grant funding.

2. The City of Fresno Director of Public Utilities or designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office, with the Department of Water Resources and any amendments thereto.

3. The City of Fresno Director of Public Utilities or designee is hereby authorized and directed to submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain grant funding.

4. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, TODD STERMER, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2023.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2023
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2023
Mayor Veto: _____, 2023
Council Override Vote: _____, 2023

TODD STERMER, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREW JANZ
City Attorney

By: _____
Jennifer M. Quintanilla Date
Senior Deputy City Attorney